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FUR CATCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1965

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Average prices paid to trappers in 25 States are summarized on page 4. They reflect an overall increase of 6.8% since 1964 for the species listed. Prices were up by 37% for bobcat, 20% for coyote, 3% for muskrat, 6% for otter, 13% for raccoon, and 41% for red fox. Prices fell by 8% for beaver, 9% for wild mink, 9% for opossum, and 6% for striped skunk.

This summary of the wild fur catch for the 1964-1965 trapping season is based on returns of the accompanying form by the State game and conservation commissions, to whom we are greatly indebted for their helpful cooperation.

In Alaska, the take of blue and white foxes was up by 39%; the take of fur seals declined by 19%. As in the past, there is no wild fur harvest in the State of Hawaii.

The harvest of certain species in 1965 varied from that in 1964 as shown below:

Badger	+35%	Fisher	-15%	Mink	- 9%	Raccoon	- 3%
Bassarisk	+ 2%	Foxes	+ 9%	Muskrat	-14%	Skunk	-25%
Beaver	-16%	Jack rabbit	+52%	Nutria	+17%	Weasel	-17%
Bobcat	- 5%	Lynx	-22%	Opossum	+ 6%	Wolf	+ 9%
Coyote	-30%	Marten	+30%	Otter	+12%	Wolverine	+44%

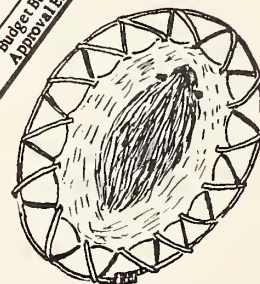
NOTE: OMT predators unless fur is preserved.

Season 1964-65
State Kentucky

Species	Number of Pelts	Average price per pelt to Trapper
Badger		
Bassarisk (ringtail cat)		
Beaver		
Bobcat (wildcat)	44	3.89
Coyote (brush wolf)		
Fisher		
Fox (red silver and cross)	294	1.14
Fox (gray)	403	.69
Fox (Arctic, blue and white)		
Lynx (Canada)		
Marten		
Mink		
Muskrat		
Nutria		
Opossum		
Otter		
Raccoon		
Skunk (striped)		
Skunk (spotted-civet cat)		
Weasel		
Wolf (gray, timber, etc.)		
Wolverine		
Total Amount Received for Pelts...		\$12,398.25

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WILD FUR ANIMAL CATCH BY STATES, 1964-65

STATE	BADGER	BASSARISK (RINGTAIL CAT)	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FISHER	FOX GRAY, RED, CROSS & SILVER	LYNX (CANADIAN)
Alabama.....	.....	.....	2,059	30	.....	.....	220	.....
Alaska 1/ 2/.....	.....	.....	9,200	.....	200	.....	1,020	3,957
Arizona #.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	562	277	.....	.....	1,280	.....
California.....	18	55	1,679	221	154	.....	222	.....
Colorado.....	56	.....	7,798	1,950	2,790	.....	110	.....
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	316	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	30	.....
Georgia.....	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	650	.....
Hawaii #.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	NOS	.....	.....
Idaho.....	89	.....	5,513	854	138	NOS	190	40
Illinois.....	.....	.....	1,342	.....	.....	.....	1,136	.....
Indiana.....	3	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	29,700	.....
Iowa.....	106	.....	4,326	.....	340	.....	6,337	.....
Kansas.....	210	.....	3,692	52	1,176	.....	54	.....
Kentucky.....	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	697	.....
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	57	31	.....	.....	145	.....
Maine.....	.....	.....	10,582	269	.....	1,223	230	.....
Maryland.....	.....	.....	188	4	.....	.....	300	.....
Massachusetts....	.....	.....	1,196	.....	.....	.....	24	.....
Michigan.....	50	.....	16,798	265	3,290	.....	29,300	.....
Minnesota.....	676	.....	15,567	13	331	.....	14,469	53
Mississippi #.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	12	.....	4,187	17	37	.....	861	.....
Montana.....	218	.....	7,850	1,220	297	.....	635	157
Nebraska.....	575	.....	9,370	29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada #.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	2,754	8	.....	407	249	.....
New Jersey #.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	1,100	200	300	.....	100	.....
New York.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362	.....	.....
North Carolina...	.....	.....	229	166	.....	.....	1,116	.....
North Dakota 3/..	610	.....	2,015	71	341	.....	28,100	.....
Ohio.....	6	.....	245	.....	.....	.....	5,171	.....
Oklahoma.....	.....	.....	429	14	4	.....	30	.....
Oregon.....	24	2	7,153	481	162	NOS	85	.....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	4,468	.....	.....	.....	5,315	.....
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....
South Carolina...	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	40	.....
South Dakota.....	.....	.....	2,000	650	1,200	.....	25,000	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	.....	1,003	89	.....	.....	2,041	.....
Texas.....	3,569	34,896	85	74	2	.....	1,203	.....
Utah.....	.....	.....	4,009	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	.....	.....	3,044	261*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	.....	.....	6,691	98	.....	.....	2,017	.....
Washington.....	.....	.....	11,525	386	422	.....	164	26
West Virginia....	.....	.....	986	15	.....	.....	1,075	.....
Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	9,049	.....	.....	.....	12,330	.....
Wyoming.....	8	.....	590	63	7	.....	4	.....
TOTAL.....	6,230	34,953	160,401	7,861	11,191	1,992	171,663	4,233

1/ Alaska: Blue and white fox - 1,973

2/ Alaska: Includes Pribilof Islands fur seal - 51,874

3/ North Dakota: Included 404,529 jack rabbits

* Vermont: Bountied animals only

State does not compile this information.

NOS - No open season

WILD FUR ANIMAL CATCH BY STATES, 1964-65

STATE	MARTEN	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	OTTER	RACCOON	SKUNK & CIVET CAT	WEASEL	TIMBER WOLF	WOLVERINE
Alabama.....		5,132	6,938	92	1,413	198	7,026	123	10	.....	...
Alaska.....	8,869	15,623	33,000	.....	.....	2,781	.....	.....	945	750	500
Arizona #.....											...
Arkansas.....		7,236	19,296	2	17,257	64	39,620	1,466	62	319	...
California.....		935	60,976	2	125	.....	1,091	467	12	.....	...
Colorado.....	51	52	22,485	.....	.....	.....	420	356	32	.....	...
Connecticut.....											...
Delaware.....		40	30,000	.....	200	30	800	.....	70	.....	...
Florida.....		28	.....	2	72	3,773	13,645	.....	.....	.....	...
Georgia.....		8,000	40,000	.....	20,000	2,000	30,000	.....	.....	.....	...
Hawaii #.....											...
Idaho.....	280	2,530	64,960	.....	.....	49	381	343	481	.....	NOS
Illinois.....		6,589	129,944	.....	4,337	.....	83,066	200	41	.....	...
Indiana.....		8,900	185,900	.....	29,000	.....	110,300	800	300	.....	...
Iowa.....		14,394	259,908	.....	2,600	.....	64,936	1,889	172	.....	...
Kansas.....		2,075	15,042	.....	4,537	.....	25,608	2,861	10	.....	...
Kentucky.....		6,066	60,013	.....	4,477	.....	10,574	294	125	.....	...
Louisiana.....		23,311	201,510	1,568,233	7,047	3,288	68,627	296	.....	.....	...
Maine.....		2,889	28,304	.....	.....	504	2,436	68	998	.....	...
Maryland.....		260	224,236	18	445	376	9,466	87	50	.....	...
Massachusetts..		1,009	36,828	.....	.....	34	965	14	16	.....	...
Michigan.....		11,700	177,000	.....	2,500	825	214,800	1,400	2,400	.....	...
Minnesota.....		63,176	727,332	.....	.....	391	20,100	4,624	9,672	.....	...
Mississippi #..											...
Missouri.....		7,773	90,311	.....	22,387	.....	138,720	1,969	13	.....	...
Montana.....	336	5,835	22,130	.....	.....	32	1,904	1,160	845	.....	14
Nebraska.....		8,509	76,729	.....	3,615	.....	17,739	2,403	132	.....	...
Nevada #.....											...
New Hampshire..		793	6,917	.....	.....	181	1,757	7	124	.....	...
New Jersey #...											...
New Mexico.....			300	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	...
New York.....						318	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
North Carolina.		9,868	122,171	966	6,849	1,328	39,878	359	311	.....	...
North Dakota...		6,603	9,602	.....	.....	.....	3,584	212	638	.....	...
Ohio.....		7,375	418,601	.....	9,756	.....	143,985	668	1,265	.....	...
Oklahoma.....		835	1,335	.....	3,680	.....	6,941	828	.....	.....	...
Oregon.....	40	1,640	25,946	1,746	108	236	1,200	278	31	.....	...
Pennsylvania...		5,077	390,074	.....	3,759	.....	35,681	1,117	751	.....	...
Rhode Island...		295	4,573	.....	8	3	273	130	8	.....	...
South Carolina.		1,300	2,800	.....	200	300	10,000	.....	5	.....	...
South Dakota...		1,500	14,000	.....	.....	.....	6,300	1,800	200	.....	...
Tennessee.....		13,415	58,770	.....	13,767	.....	25,090	1,135	62	.....	...
Texas.....		359	52	183	5,759	.....	39,026	1,322	.....	3	...
Utah.....											...
Vermont.....											...
Virginia.....		5,832	287,982	1,220	8,635	1,800	42,438	3,853	279	.....	...
Washington.....	424	4,002	42,238	.....	606	778	2,386	760	291	.....	...
West Virginia..		1,404	35,580	.....	4,502	.....	12,688	1,019	200	.....	...
Wisconsin.....		24,900	371,300	.....	750	571	59,700	380	.....	.....	...
Wyoming.....	2	9	13	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	...
TOTAL.....	10,002	287,269	4,305,096	1,572,464	178,391	19,860	1,293,356	34,688	20,551	1,072	514

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SAMPLES OF AVERAGE PRICES PER PELT RECEIVED BY TRAPPERS, 1964-65

STATE	BADGER	BASSARISK (RINGTAIL CAT)	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FISHER	FOX RED, SILVER & CROSS	FOX GRAY	LYNX (CANADIAN)	MARTEN
Alaska *	....	....	20.00	.....	5.00	.....	11.00	....	22.00	12.25
Arkansas.....	....	....	3.50	1.00	....	....	.95	.85	....	....
California.....	1.50	1.31	7.31	4.15	3.70	....	1.06	....	....	....
Colorado.....	.72	....	7.56	11.62	4.40	....	1.85	....	....	4.85
Idaho.....	1.99	....	9.00	7.10	4.40	....	3.00	....	5.64	4.45
Kansas.....	1.06	....	6.85	1.23	1.17	....	1.24	....	....	....
Louisiana.....	....	....	5.00	2.00	....	....	....	1.00	....	....
Maine.....	....	....	11.07	8.74	....	10.70	4.15	....	....	....
Michigan.....	....	....	16.00	....	3.00	....	6.00	....	....	....
Minnesota.....	2.00	....	8.95	17.50	7.50	....	10.00	2.00	20.00	....
Missouri.....	.80	....	5.13	.75	.50	....	1.00	.50	....	....
Montana.....	3.09	....	9.63	5.46	4.29	....	2.40	....	7.21	5.42
Nebraska.....	1.18	....	6.60	3.83	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Hampshire...	....	....	11.31	3.40	....	13.30	5.60	5.60	....	....
North Carolina...	....	....	5.50	.50	....	....	1.20	.60	....	....
North Dakota +..	.97	....	6.81	2.82	3.37	....	2.37	....	....	....
Ohio.....	1.17	....	8.74	....	....	....	1.62	.87	....	....
Oklahoma.....	....	....	3.05	.82	.97	....	....	.39	....	....
Oregon.....	1.47	1.25	7.94	5.78	4.37	....	1.51	1.16	....	9.42
Pennsylvania.....	....	....	9.66	....	....	....	.94	.73	....	....
Tennessee.....	....	....	4.20	1.76	....	....	2.01	1.24	....	....
Texas #.....	1.00	1.40	3.00	1.00	1.00	....	.50	.50	....	....
Washington.....	....	....	15.00	4.00	6.00	....	5.00	....	19.00	5.00
West Virginia...	....	....	9.39	2.00	....	....	4.13	1.82	....	....
Wyoming.....	7.10	....	4.50	10.00	4.45	....	3.25	....	....	5.00

STATE	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	OTTER	RACCOON	SKUNK (STRIPED)	SKUNK (CIVET CAT)	WEASEL	TIMBER WOLF	WOLVERINE
Alaska.....	23.70	1.05	....	...	26.00	....	....	....	1.20	35.00	35.00
Arkansas.....	6.00	1.00	1.00	.45	17.00	1.30	.65	1.75	.75	.75	....
California.....	7.05	1.01	1.75	.38	....	1.34	.92	2.05	.31	....	....
Colorado.....	5.25	.75	....	...	....	1.40	.50	....	.50	....	....
Idaho.....	8.33	.90	....	...	18.35	1.18	.50	2.39	.56	....	....
Kansas.....	7.76	1.00	....	.29	....	1.02	.42	2.64	.54	....	....
Louisiana.....	6.00	1.75	1.60	.25	25.00	1.25	.40	....	....	....	....
Maine.....	9.96	1.39	....	...	25.50	2.19	.60	....	.60	....	....
Michigan.....	7.50	2.00	....	...	25.00	3.00	....	....	.75	....	....
Minnesota.....	12.25	1.25	....	...	20.46	3.50	1.00	2.50	.50	....	....
Missouri.....	7.90	1.02	....	.30	....	1.00	.45	2.25	.50	....	....
Montana.....	10.18	.88	....	...	22.17	1.51	.28	....	.61	....	11.00
Nebraska.....	8.85	.81	....	.33	....	1.26	.78	1.90	.62	....	....
New Hampshire...	9.90	1.30	....	...	24.27	2.12	....	....	.54	....	....
North Carolina...	7.50	1.20	.75	.30	23.00	1.20	.75	.65	.70	....	....
North Dakota....	13.78	.78	....	...	....	1.90	.48	....	.58	....	....
Ohio.....	7.50	1.27	....	.35	....	1.42	.66	....	.82	....	....
Oklahoma.....	6.30	.58	....	.28	....	.74	.51	.82	....	....	....
Oregon.....	7.64	.98	1.22	.30	21.71	1.45	.86	1.44	.49	....	....
Pennsylvania...	7.28	1.11	....	.25	....	1.05	.52	....	.58	....	....
Tennessee.....	6.58	1.20	....	.33	....	1.05	.59	3.06	.56	....	....
Texas.....	5.00	1.00	.50	.50	....	1.50	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	....
Washington.....	11.00	1.25	....	.25	29.00	2.50	.70	.30	.50	....	....
West Virginia...	5.67	1.51	....	.45	....	1.54	1.31	2.25	.82	....	....
Wyoming.....	2.15	.65	....	...	....	.90	....	....	....	....	....

* Alaska: Arctic fox, \$18.00

+ North Dakota: Jack rabbits, \$.50

Texas: Deer hides, \$1.00